

LIQUOR STORES & CHURCHES

liquor stores
says an old woman on the bus
that's all you see downtown
these days
liquor stores

liquor stores & churches
says an old man
sitting beside her

oh I think there's more
liquor stores than churches
the woman corrects him

naw, there's more churches
says the old guy
churches & tore up streets
look at em all out there
always doin' sumthin'
ain't they

I think it's awful
she says
just look at all those
liquor stores

liquor store's as good
as a church
to some men
he tells her.

THURBER WENT BLIND

Thurber went blind at sea
very early in the morning
it happened
on account the ship's cook
took sick & couldn't fix
breakfast
Thurber went blind at sea
because he was hungry
because he leaped
before he looked
like all good writers
Thurber went blind at sea
after volunteering to fix
breakfast for everyone
Thurber went blind at sea
trying to make pancake batter
out of gunpowder
Thurber went blind at sea
when his pancakes exploded
blew up the galley &
half the ship
Thurber went blind at sea
lost his left eye &
went without breakfast
because he leaped
before he looked
like all good writers.